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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: May 14, 2013
Meeting Time: 1:30 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington
St., Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Rep. Tim Brown, Chairperson; Sen. Patricia Miller; Sen. Timothy Lanane.

Members Absent: Rep. Vanessa Summers.

Representative Tim Brown, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and made introductory remarks about the purposes of the Subcommittee and the evaluation process. Representative Brown asked the members present to introduce themselves.

I. Indiana Department of Transportation Evaluation

Representative Brown recognized Karen Firestone, LSA, to provide an update on the current evaluation report relating to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

Ms. Firestone informed the Subcommittee that the evaluation report is in process and will be published by July 1, 2013. She indicated that LSA is still conducting data collection and meeting with various INDOT personnel in order to complete the report. Ms. Firestone indicated that the evaluation focuses on information related to long-term and short-term planning, asset management, conventional financing, and alternative financing, including public-private partnerships (P3s). The report will focus on how INDOT is using alternative financing tools.

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Subcommittee members asked questions relating to replacing federal funds with state funds for local road projects and the impact of sequestration on federal road funding. Ms. Firestone indicated that any time federal funding is utilized, projects must be built to federal standards, so the ability of local governments to trade federal funds for state funds allows them to build to different, less costly, standards. Ms. Firestone also informed the Subcommittee that the federal transportation bill, MAP-21, is a one-year bill that could either be continued or replaced with a different federal transportation bill.

II. Recommendation for New Program Evaluation Topic

Representative Brown proposed that the Subcommittee recommend to the Legislative Council the following topic for the next program evaluation: A study (1) evaluating the efficacy of housing all state programs relating to emergency medical services (EMS) and the state's trauma care system within one state agency; and (2) comparing Indiana's trauma care system to trauma care systems in other states.

Representative Brown indicated that this is an important issue because EMS is under the Department of Homeland Security, while healthcare programs and issues are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health. He also indicated that there is a need to look at how to design a system to better provide trauma care throughout Indiana.

The proposal to recommend the evaluation topic to the Legislative Council was moved and seconded and unanimously adopted by the Subcommittee.

Representative Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.